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1. DEFENSE LIAISON OFFICER INFORMALLY DISCUSSED QUESTION WITH DIRECTOR OF ROYAL OBSERVATORY GORDON BELL ALONG LINES OF PARAS 2 AND 3, REF. (A). AS HAD THE ASSISTANT POLITICAL ADVISER EARLIER (REF. (B), BELL SAID THE HKG HAS NO OBJECTION TO STORMFURY. SPEAKING INFORMALLY, HE SAID THEY WELCOME AND LOOK FORWARD TO SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION IN THIS AREA. BUT, BECAUSE OF HK'S PROXIMITY TO OTHER COUNTRIES (READ THE PRC) THEY DO NOT FEEL THAT HK CAN CO-SPONSOR AT THIS TIME.

2. HK'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MANILA MEETING WILL BE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DIRECTOR GORDON J. BELL AND DR. CHIN PING-CHUEN, SENIOR SCIENTIFIC OFFICER IN ITS RESEARCH AND CLIMATOLOGY DIVISION.

3. BELL ANTICIPATES THAT STORMFURY WILL COME UP EARLY IN THE CONFERENCE AND HE EXPECTS STRONG OPPOSITION
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